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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Ramesh Gopalan, Sridharan Srivatsan, K.Y. Ramanujam, Tom Ni and Conan Chiang

FOR: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING PLANARIZATION OF METAL FILMS PRIOR TO CLEARING**

Application Elements:

- ☒ 25 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 09 Sheets of Drawings (Informal)
- ☒ 02 Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☒ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☐ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☒ Request and Certification Under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

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	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA	RATE	FEE		RATE	FEE
BASIC FEE			\$370	\$	OR	\$750	\$750.00
TOTAL CLAIMS	20	-20 = 00	x09=	\$	OR	x18 =	\$
INDEP CLAIMS	03	-03 = 00	x42 =	\$	OR	x84 =	\$
[] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented			\$140 =	\$	OR	\$280 =	\$
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Request for Small Entity Status

☐ Applicant is entitled to small entity status.

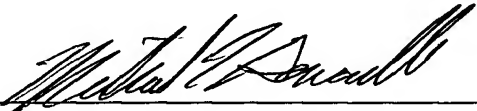
General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 50-0805 (Order No. LAM2P419).

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In re the application of)	
)	Examiner: Unassigned
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)	Art Unit: Unassigned
Application No. [To be assigned])	
)	Docket No.: LAM2P419
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REQUEST AND CERTIFICATION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 122(b)(2)(B)(i)

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Sir:

I hereby certify that the invention disclosed in the attached application **has not and will not be** the subject of an application filed in another country, or under a multilateral agreement, that requires publication at eighteen months after filing. I hereby request that the attached application not be published under 35 U.S.C. § 122(b).

Respectfully submitted,
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